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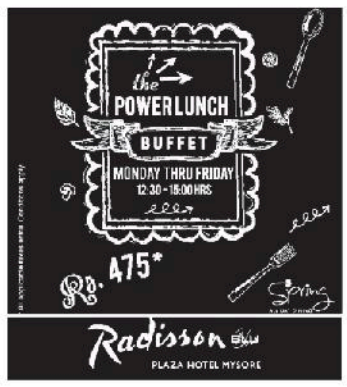

Parking lobby eyes Chamundi Hill facility

- Vying for handsome revenue, parking sharks write anonymous letters to Temple Committee
- Bring pressure from *netas* to handover parking lot maintenance to private contractors

Visitors buying tickets before entering the parking lot atop Chamundi Hill yesterday. Picture right shows spacious car parking area.

By M.T. Yogesh Kumar

Mysuru, Dec. 6- The Chamundi Hill multi-level parking facility has caught the attention of parking sharks as they can make a killing by charging whimsical amounts as lots of people visit the Hill Temple every other day and the number of visitors double and treble during weekends.

Within a week of the multi-level parking lot atop the Hill opening for public, the parking tender lobby seems to have become hyperactive and has been bombarding anonymous petitions to Sri Chamundeshwari Temple Management Committee. The parking lot is being managed by the Temple Committee instead of handing it over to private parties.

These letters are raising objections to the fee fixed for parking or the way the parking lot is managed. The letters claim that the Temple Committee was not managing the system properly and a private parking contractor can do a better job.

The parking facility was launched on Nov. 26 with a view to streamline traffic flow atop the Hill. On recommendation of the Temple Committee, Deputy Commissioner Rohini Sindhuri issued orders fixing Rs. 10 for two-wheeler, Rs. 40 for four-wheeler, Rs. 60 for minibus and Rs. 100 for bus.

The system ran smoothly till now but of late, anonymous letters are being written to the Temple Committee asking it to reconsider the parking rates and also handover the parking system to a private contractor for better management.

(See PARKING on page 7)

Traffic Police intensify checks; collect Rs. 1.36 crore in one month

Mysuru, Dec. 6 (RK&BCT)- Vehicle users, especially two-wheeler riders — who were used for a care-free ride without wearing helmets and flouting traffic rules after lockdown and amidst virus scare — are in for a shock over the last few days as the Traffic Police have started cracking down on even smallest of violations.

The crackdown has netted handsome returns to the Police Department as they have been able to collect Rs. 1,36,61,500 as fines after booking 84,633 cases from Nov. 1 to 30. The virus scare had reduced vehicular movement to a large extent in city and the Traffic Police too had stopped full-fledged enforcement. Taking liberty, motorists and bikers started violating traffic rules, such as riding without a helmet, triple riding, signal jumps, over-speeding and others.

Now, with normal vehicular traffic back on city roads, the Traffic Police have also started penalising the violators. One person, who drove the vehicle under the influence of alcohol has coughed up a fine of Rs. 10,000 in Court.

Other violations include 638 over-speeding cases, 1,246 wrong/ haphazard parking and 24 footpath parking cases. 91 cases for using mobile phone while driving, 26,432 cases of helmet-less riding and 329 cases have been booked for not wearing seat belts.

Sixty-six cases have been booked for traffic signal jumping, 59 cases for faulty silencers, 220 cases for tinted glasses, 583 cases for faulty number plates, 250 cases for violating 'no entry' rule, 101 cases for not wearing uniforms, 686 cases for triple riding and 13,839 cases booked for pillion riders not wearing helmets.

(See TRAFFIC on page 7)

STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Sunday 6th December 2020

Education Department receives

over 71,000 applications for teacher transfers

Mysuru, Dec. 6 (SPN&DM)- The Education Department has received a whopping 71,558 online applications from Government Primary and High School teachers from Nov. 18 to 30 seeking transfer under general transfers for the current year.

According to the Education Department Commissioner Anbukumar, the Department has received 63,952 applications for request transfer, 3,458 for mutual transfer, 1,090 for specific transfer and 3,058 carry-over/ compulsory transfer, totalling 71,558 applications in the State.

Following the expiry of the deadline for applications, the transfer process has commenced from Dec. 1 and will go on till Dec. 11. Subsequently, the preferential list will be published in the Department website on Dec. 15, for which objections can be filed from Dec. 16 to 23.

Later, all eligible applications will be scrutinised from Dec. 24 to 29 and the final priority list will be published on Dec. 31.

The transfer counselling for Primary School teachers who have completed five years of service at one place will be held on Dec. 21, for High School teachers on Dec. 22 and for High School Head Masters/Head Mistress on Dec. 23.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

WAITING' COULD BE A NEW SKILL TO DEVELOP: ***My old laptop has slowed down; it takes ages — or so it feels — to have an item I clicked on to open. It suddenly freezes in the middle of a typed sentence. Oddly, if I try to impatiently click or try something to get it going, it mockingly stays that way. But if I leave it alone for a bit, I can go back and keep typing. Then in a while it happens again. I think I am going crazy as I sense this thing seems amused at my helplessness. And so I talk to it. I go: "Come on, come ON !" at first, specially when I am in the middle of writing an article or report. It does not help. Of course.***

Like me, most people do not enjoy waiting calmly, less agitatedly — or developing the quality of patience this involves. If you look closely, you will find that much of our less than patient waiting is tangled up with wishes, like "I wish this line moves faster," or "I wish the weather would be cooler, or warmer," "I wish she phones soon." Standing in line, stuck in traffic, placed on hold, waiting to see the doctor, waiting for a letter or parcel in the post, even waiting for a friend who is late — our reaction is one of wishes blocked, of wants frustrated. And increased stress.

Waiting is just so annoying, so hard. Waiting in general goes against the sense of busyness that defines our lives these days; somehow we have bought into the belief that when we are doing or accomplishing something, it is worthwhile. We think of waiting as a passive thing; of no use at all. But now I decided to engage with the concept I came across recently — of waiting being more active, and as 'a space we are led into.' What, I wondered, will this space hold?

A week ago I just decided to wait as my laptop seemed to delight in teasing me; to breathe gently, and slowly read over what I had already written, and this backward glance of sorts allowed my mind to move in ways that helped my work. I could be still and receptive to newer and more creative ideas. If we can turn our attitude around, waiting can be a new and useful skill to develop.

—Marguerite Theophil in The Times of India

NEWS SPARKLERS

Man walks 420 km after arguing with wife

Como: An Italian man who went for a walk to cool off after getting into an argument with his wife was found 420 kilometres away from his home, after walking for a whole week.

The 48-year-old man from Como, a city north of Milan, in Italy, reportedly got into a heated argument with his wife one day, late last month, and stormed out of the house to go for a walk and clear his head. Nothing out of the ordinary about that, only the protagonist of our story never actually stopped walking. He was only stopped a week later, by a police patrol car in Gimarra, on the Adriatic coast, 418 kilometres away from his home town.

After hearing his unusual explanation, the police decided to let him go, but not before notifying his wife and also handing him a fine of 400 euros ($490) for breaking the curfew. They even got him a room at a local hotel, where he spent the night until his wife arrived to pick him up.

Size 75 boots to stamp out COVID-19!

Transylvania: A Romanian cobbler who made giant shoes to help keep people apart during the first wave of COVID-19 has come up with a new line of huge winter boots to stamp out the second onslaught of the deadly virus.

Grigore Lup said the shoes he launched in May in a European size 75 had sold across the world and helped keep his store afloat in the Transylvanian city of Cluj.

He started making them when he noticed people were standing too close together and ignoring social distancing rules. Two people facing each other in his elongated footwear would be forced to stand just under two metres apart.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Staying Active is the Key for a Healthy Life

Sedentary lifestyle is one of the leading causes of preventable deaths worldwide. Change your mindset to follow an active lifestyle, Do brisk exercises for 45 minutes, at least five days in a week.

By C.B. Keshavamurthy - Consultant Interventional Cardiology

COLUMBIA ASIA

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** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

COVID-19 UPDATE

Mysuru

Figures as per Government Media Bulletin released last evening

Positive cases yesterday	:	55
Total positive cases	:	50,977
Discharges yesterday	:	31
Total discharges	:	49,621
Deaths yesterday	:	0
Total deaths	:	1,001
Total active cases	:	355

Mandya

Positive cases yesterday	:	24
Total positive cases	:	18,808
Total discharges	:	18,303
Total deaths	:	147
Total active cases	:	358

Chamarajanagar

Positive cases yesterday	:	13
Total positive cases	:	6,431
Total discharges	:	6,206
Total deaths	:	116
Total active cases	:	98

Kodagu

Positive cases yesterday	:	18
Total positive cases	:	5,357
Total discharges	:	5,210
Total deaths	:	68
Total active cases	:	79

Hassan

Positive cases yesterday	:	36
Total positive cases	:	27,232
Total discharges	:	26,467
Total deaths	:	387
Total active cases	:	378

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Teacher : *Tomorrow there will be a lecture on sun. Everyone must attend it.*

Raju: *No mam! I will not be able to attend it.*

Teacher: *Why?*

Raju: *My mother will not allow me to go so far!!!*

Today's Currency Rate

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 73.79
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 99.17
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 20.09
1 Euro	= Rs. 89.43

VOICE OF THE READER

Masking of vehicle registration number plate

Sir,

It is noticed that many goods vehicles fix an extra heavy rod behind their vehicles to act as an accident barrier. This may protect the vehicles from severe damage in case the vehicles are hit from the rear side.

Most of these rods mask the registration number plate of the vehicles and in case of any traffic violations by these vehicles their registration number plate cannot be photographed from back for any evidence.

Though the fixing of additional rods for safety may be illegal, neither the RTO nor the Traffic Police do take any action against such goods carriers. If it is legally permitted to fix an additional rod at the back side, it should be strictly ensured that the rods are fixed without masking the registration number plate of such vehicles.

—K. Chandrahas
Mysuru
4.12.2020

Plant tissue culture facility for Nanjangud Rasabale research to come up at JSS

Mysuru, Dec. 6- JSS Academy of Higher Education and Research (JSS AHER), Mysuru, Department of Biotechnology and Bioinformatics, Faculty of Life Sciences, has received grants from Vision Group of Science and Technology (VGST), Government of Karnataka, under K-FIST (Karnataka Fund for Infrastructure Strengthening in Science and Technology in Higher Educational Institutions).

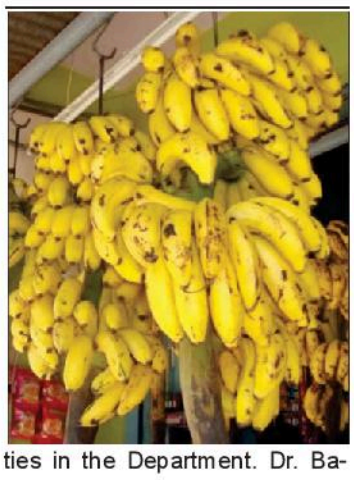
The grant has been sanctioned to establish a plant tissue culture facility to standardise tissue culture technique for the mass multiplication disease-free Nanjangud Rasabale.

The famous and delicious Nanjangud Rasabale, a variety of banana, mainly grown in Mysuru district, is on the verge of decline due to lack of research to sustain the variety. Rasabale is famous for its special taste and aroma. The fruits are always in high demand in the market with maximum price compared to other banana varieties.

A few years back, this variety was grown in thousands of acres surrounding Nanjangud and Mysuru but now the cultivation is restricted to over 30 acres. Owing to the specific and rare qualities like taste, smell and pulp quality, the Nanjangud Rasabale was given the Geographical Indication (GI) protection in 2005 under the Goods (Registration and Protection) Act, 1999.

Dr. K. Raveesha, Head of the Department, faculty of life sciences, said this project will strengthen the research activities in the Department. Dr. Balasubramanian, Dean and Director of Research, said that Dr. T.C. Mohan and Dr. R. Charukesi, who are working as Assistant Professors, will be leading this project. He mentioned that both finished their Ph.D from National Centre for Biotechnology, Madrid, Spain and later worked as post-doctoral researchers at Rothamsted Research and University of Warwick, United Kingdom.

Dr. Mohan Dr. Charukesi



Dr. T.C. Mohan and Dr. R. Charukesi said, "Nanjangud Rasabale is known for its unique taste and aroma. It is grown only in and around the area of Mysuru district. Because of severe disease infestation and lack of availability of disease-free seedlings, cultivation of this banana variety has declined. Therefore, the purpose of the project is to standardise the tissue culture method for mass multiplication of disease-free banana saplings.

The production and supply of disease-free banana saplings to farmers is a first step in reducing the input cost in agriculture. In coming days, JSS AHER is planning to setup an incubation centre in the campus to supply disease-free tissue cultured banana saplings to the farmers at affordable price, they added.

'Grama Shikshana Pade' to enrol students who stayed out of Schools due to COVID

House-to-house survey from Dec. 15

Mysuru, Dec. 6 (SPN&SSV)- The State Government has asked 'Grama Shikshana Pade' (Village Education Force) in Gram Panchayat limits to undertake house-to-house survey from Dec. 15 to 21 of children who left schools due to COVID-19 and enrol them back in Schools without delay.

File photo

Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (RDPR) Department has been instructed by Karnataka High Court to identify those children who may opt out of Schools following Corona this year in Gram Panchayat limits, and ensure their re-admission into Schools. This is being done as free education for the children in the age group of 6 to 14 years has been enshrined as right in Indian Constitution.

Panchayat Development Officers (PDOs) have been asked to maintain 'Rural Education Registration Book' to record number of students admitted to Schools in rural areas as per Compulsory Education Right Act, 2012.

The survey work was going on as per directives of Karnataka Gram Swaraj and Panchayat Raj Act. Uma Mahadevan, Principal Secretary, RDPR, has asked Grama Shikshana Pade members to ensure enrolment of students and as well as inoculation for students of 1st, 5th and 10th standard students. Instruction to this effect had been given to Chief Executive Officers of all Zilla Panchayats.

Meeting

A meeting should be convened on Dec. 11 by inviting Gram Panchayat staff, Anganwadi volunteers, representatives of Women Self-Help Groups, teachers and SDMC members to work out plan of action for survey of students who are not enrolled into Schools and those who are absent regularly for online classes.

Already, training has been imparted to the survey staff by e-Administration Department through a specially developed App. In District-level, DMIC, DPMU and TIMS in Taluk-level have been asked to provide technical support to the survey team.

Conditions for survey team

- Must mention complete details of students in prescribed format and also mention in Gram Shikshan Registration book
- Executive Officers of Taluk Panchayats must train survey team members about it.
- Review meeting must be held in district and taluk-level about house-to-house survey.
- Rs. 5 incentive is fixed for the survey of each house.
- A minimum of 50 houses must be surveyed daily.
- Cost of survey must be borne by Gram Panchayats.

"Online registration is compulsory for students who have remained out of School in rural areas with documents."

—Uma Mahadevan, Principal Secretary, RDPR Department

"A video-conference is scheduled with RDPR Principal Secretary on Dec. 7 regarding students who have remained out of Schools in Gram Panchayat limits. All district-level officers will participate in the meeting to exchange information."

—D. Bharathi, Chief Executive Officer, Mysuru Zilla Panchayat
(now transferred to Hassan)

"Already I have received communication regarding this survey from the CEO, Zilla Panchayat. Instruction has been given to PDO and other staff members of Mysuru taluk on holding survey."

—Krishnakumar, Executive Officer, Mysuru Taluk

Minister launches teaching App

Bengaluru, Dec. 6- Primary and Secondary Education Minister S. Suresh Kumar launched 'Vidyawin,' an educational App aimed at ascertaining the learning ability of students in respect of online education, at a programme organised in the State capital on Wednesday.

Speaking on the occasion, Suresh Kumar said that during this COVID-19 critical period where online classes are the order of the day, the new App- 'Vidyawin' has been launched across the State to help SSLC students explore the inherent benefits of online education and to educate them on the opportunities that online education provides.

Pointing out that COVID-19 has badly affected all walks of life, he said that the launch of 'Vidyawin' at this critical juncture will help in attracting the students towards learning at a time when confusions have prevailed about the re-opening of schools. He further said that SSLC students can call toll free number: 1800 5724 920.

'Vidyawin' promoter K.V. Prakash said that the initiative is aimed at bridging the gap between rural and urban students in respect of learning. The initiative also seeks to ascertain the level of reach of online education in rural areas and other parts of the State, he added.

Users of this App can download the questionnaire in this regard by giving a missed call to toll free No.: 1800 5724 920.

'Vidyawin' initiative Co-Founder V.S. Latha was present.

NEWS BRIEFS

University Academic Council Meeting

The Academic Council Meeting of University of Mysore will take place at Vijnana Bhavan in Manasagangothri premises at 11.30 am tomorrow (Dec. 7). All the participants are compulsorily required to wear face mask.

Women's Commission Chief on Mysuru tour

Chairperson of Karnataka State Commission for Women Pramila Naidu will be touring Mysuru district and hearing grievances from women at Government Guest House in Nazarbad tomorrow (Dec. 7), according to a press release from the Deputy Director, Women and Child Development Department.

Workshop

Ministry of Tribal Affairs, in association with Karnataka State Tribal Research Institute (KSTRI), is organising a three-day workshop on 'Research work on traditional knowledge of herbal medicine that are in use by the Rajgond tribe' at the institute premises from tomorrow (Dec. 7). Prof. M.R. Gangadhar, DoS in Anthropology, University of Mysore, will inaugurate the workshop at 10.30 am tomorrow. KSTRI Chairman Prof. T.T. Basavanagowda will preside.

Annual Meeting

The second Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) of Mysuru Division-level SC and ST Government Employees Housing Co-operative Society Ltd., Mysuru, will be held at the Society premises at No. 671/17th Main, Bannur Ring Road, Yaraganahalli, Mysuru, on Dec. 13 at 10.30 am. Society President M.S. Gangadhar will preside.

KRS Water Level

(Maximum : 124.80 feet)

Today	120.18 ft
Yesterday	120.30 ft
Inflow	3,537 cusecs
Outflow	5,124 cusecs

Kabini Level

(Maximum : 2,284.00 feet)

Today	2,271.95 ft
Inflow	574 cusecs
Outflow	1,950 cusecs

Harangi Level

(Maximum : 2,859.00 feet)

Today	2,833.88 ft
Inflow	144 cusecs
Outflow	1,170 cusecs

Two from Mysuru among four arrested with 400 leopard nails

Bengaluru, Dec. 6- Chennammanakere Achukattu Police in Bengaluru have arrested four individuals, together with a lady, and recovered 400 leopard nails, six tiger nails, a blackbuck and jackal skin, seven pangolin nails, two jungle cat paws and three sloth bear claws from them.

The accused are Prashant Kumar and Karthik from Mysuru and Pramila Reddy and Sai Kumar from Andhra Pradesh. The suspects had been taken into custody close to Kathriguppe Main Road in Banashankari III Stage on Saturday morning after they had been ready for potential patrons, mentioned DCP (South) Harish Pandey.

According to Pandey, preliminary investigation revealed that a lot of the seized objects had been introduced from Bandipur and Nagarahole.

"But blackbucks are not present in these regions. They are found between forests of Tumakuru and Ballari. This indicates that the accused procured blackbuck skin either from these places or from areas bordering Andhra Pradesh. There are other suspects who are elusive," he mentioned.

Harish Pandey even said that the accused have sourced wild life articles from many region. There is a bigger network suspected and investigation is on to identify others involved and also about their poaching and smuggling network, he added.

Three of the four accused nabbed by Bengaluru Police.

The seized items have been verified as genuine by the Forest Department. Officials of the Forest and Police Departments are now tracking records on wild animal deaths in Karnataka and neighbouring States. The accused are suspected to have illegal network of hunting wild animals and taking out the parts to sell it in the black market.

Caught red-handed

Two months ago, the Police had arrested a person and seized deer horns and ivory from him and during probe, he had revealed that more such items would be reaching Bengaluru in October or November.

"We were told that the items were being sold to jewellery shops and they have a set of regular customers who demand that animal parts be fixed in gold lockets. We had kept an eye on the movement of the suspects and caught them red-handed on Saturday," said an investigating official.

While two of them are said to be from Hunsur near Nagarahole Tiger Reserve, the other two said they are from Madanapalle in Andhra Pradesh, a Police official said. He added that though the poachers claim to be first-time offenders, their details are being matched with Police and Forest Department records.

Leopard found dead

Mysuru, Dec. 6 (MTY&DM)- A male leopard was found dead in Kundakere Range of Bandipur Tiger Reserve in Chamarajanagar district yesterday.

The leopard, which is about 7 years old, is said to have died of natural causes.

Bandipur Tiger Reserve Director Natesh, ACF Paramesh, Warden Krutika Alanahalli, Kundakere RFO Srinivas and other Forest staff visited the spot.

Veterinarian Dr. D.N. Nagaraj conducted the post-mortem following which the last rites of the leopard was conducted as per norms.

Complaints lodged against women begging with infants

Mysuru, Dec. 6 (SPN&KS)- In a bid to rescue women begging at Traffic Signal junctions along with infants and rehabilitate them, the office-bearers of Jan Sangram Parishat, Mysuru Unit, have submitted a memorandum to the Deputy Commissioner (DC) in this regard on Saturday.

In the memorandum, Parishat Vice-President Prasanna and Women's Wing Secretary Geetha Velumani have stated that a lot of women, holding infants in their arms, were found begging at K.R. Circle, Sayyaji Rao Road, Mysuru-Nanjangud Ring Road Signal junction, Ramaswamy Circle, traffic signal junction in front of Sri Venkataramanaswamy Temple at Vontikoppal, Railway Station, Rural Bus Stand, City Bus Stand and at crowded places, which would have an adverse effect on the health of infants.

Pointing out that it is a crime to indulge in begging by showing infants, they alleged that despite urging the officials of Mysuru District Women and Child Welfare Department, Education, Police, Judicial and other Departments, no action has been taken till date.

A file photo.

Meanwhile, Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), Law and Order, Dr. A.N. Prakash Gowda said that complaints about women holding infants and begging at prominent traffic signal junctions and harassing tourists had been received and added that action would be taken after holding discussion with the DC and Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) officials.

Obituary

Louisa Dias

Mysuru, Dec. 6- Louisa Dias (66), a resident of Gandhinagar, passed away yesterday in city.

She leaves behind her brothers, sister-in-law, nephew, niece and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at Gandhinagar Cemetery this afternoon.

M.R. Ramesh

M.R. Ramesh (54), a resident of Vidyaranyapuram, passed away yesterday at a private hospital in city following brief illness.

He leaves behind his wife Vanishree, son Champaknag and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill yesterday.

Thimmamma

Thimmamma (93), a resident of KSRTC Guest House at Bannimantap here, passed away on Dec. 3 in city.

She leaves behind three sons including KSRTC employee Janardhan, two daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

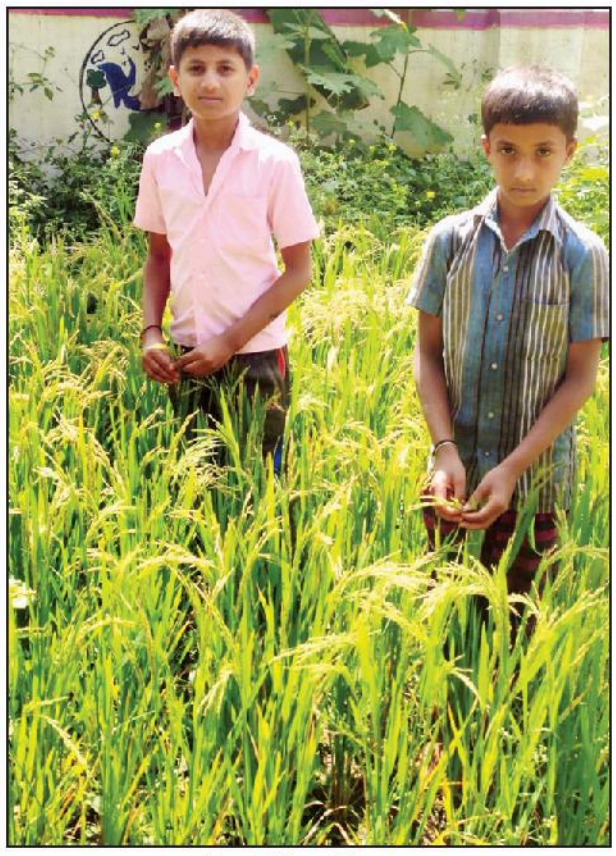
Last rites were performed at Jodi Thenginamara Burial Grounds on Dec. 4.

These students GROW what they EAT

- An eco-friendly initiative by Devagalli Govt. School in Hunsur
- Paddy field, vegetable garden turn into classroom

Students transplanting paddy.

Cutting the grass and weeds.



Bountiful paddy crop.

Hanagodu, Dec. 6 (Mahesh & BCT)- The fact that hundreds of rural students travel to towns and cities to attend Private Schools shows that there are not many takers for Government Schools despite successive Governments launching schemes like mid-day meal, free uniform and books.

However, we can see a few striving to provide quality education to rural children by enhancing the infrastructure and facilities of Government Schools. One such initiative has helped Government Higher Primary School at remote Devagalli village in Hunsur taluk that has made a difference through its eco-friendly initiatives.

Students of this School take part in various initiatives like growing vegetables including onions and potato, millets and even the traditional Rajamudi rice, a red rice variety. They are growing what is required for their mid-day meal in the School. Medicinal plants like ginger, garlic, lemon, aloevera are also grown.

RAJAMUDI RICE AND MILLETS

Incidentally, the Rajamudi rice is the favourite variety of rice consumed by the Wadiyars and of late, the cultivation of this rare variety has shrunk as farmers have switched to other varieties. Apart from cultivating and popularising Rajamudi rice, students grow millet varieties such as foxtail, kodo and barnyard.

Notably, students are also proficient in making drones and other farmer-friendly agriculture implements that are not labour intensive like grass cutting machine. The School is situated at Bilikere Hobli and is located at the remote border of Hunsur taluk. It has 10 guntas of land and an onlooker can see neatly laid out fields, vegetable plots and water supply pathways.

SCIENCE TEACHER A MOTIVATOR

G.R. Shashikala

The inspiration or rather motivation for the students to indulge in such fruitful extra-curricular activities is Science teacher G.R. Shashikala. She introduced the concept of kitchen garden as part of her project at the District Institute for Education and Training (DIET) in Mysuru.

To grow paddy (Rajamudi rice) the students till the land and do all activities including sowing, transplanting and the final harvesting after which rice is produced for their consumption. They use drip irrigation to grow vegetables and do not use any pesticide. Manure is predominantly obtained naturally from cow dung and vermicomposting using vegetable waste and leaves.

VEG GARDENS AT HOME TOO

For the task, the students are divided into different teams like 'Shakthi' and 'Shrama' — while Shakthi is power, Shrama is effort. Before the classes commence, students work in the garden. They even do it in the evening. "Seeing vegetable harvest in School, many children have voluntarily started growing vegetables at their homes. This has considerably reduced the family expenditure on vegetables," Shashikala told *Star of Mysore*.

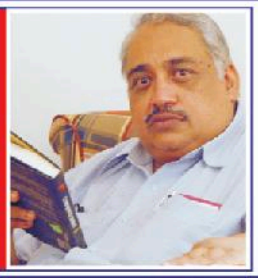
The School has tied up with Mysuru-based Nisarga Trust for the cultivation of millets. "It is an end-to-end process. Seeds are sown, plants are grown, vegetables are harvested and the seeds are preserved for next year. All these are done by students with a little guidance and support from us," she said. For this initiative, the School has bagged the district-level 'Parisara Mitra Shaale' Award, she added.

PUBLIC EXPOSURE

Apart from motivating students towards agriculture, the School also organises 'Siridhanya Mela' (millet expo) where students exhibit a variety of seeds and crops to the public. This enables the School to popularise the millets which are healthy and such events also provide students with an opportunity to interact with local farmers and subject experts.

Notably, the School has adopted rainwater harvesting technology and there are two rainwater harvesting pits in the garden and a tank. The School Development and Monitoring Committee (SDMC) and villagers actively support the students in all activities. "The entire village supports the children and we are happy to know that our children are going back to the roots instead of adopting western culture," says Thyagaraje Urs, SDMC President ■

Over a cup of evening Tea



By Dr. K. Javeed Nayeem, MD

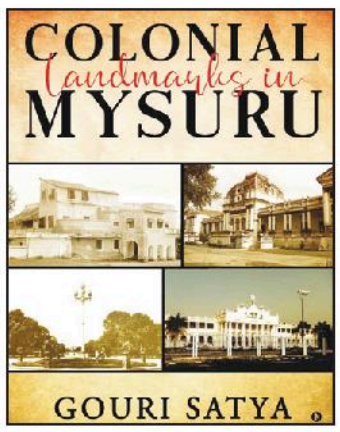
Another delightful treat on Namma Mysuru!

Gouri Satya, perhaps the best-known historian of our city, from our own times, has come up with a very generous second helping of the history of our royal city with the release of his most recent book ***'Colonial Landmarks in Mysuru',*** published by **Notionpress.** This handsome handbook lists almost all the edifices like gardens, gateways, buildings and bridges in and around Mysuru that came up during the colonial times.

As we all know very well, that was the time period, like many other milestones in the history of our country, that has left a very noticeable and imposing imprint across its length and breadth of an era that has gone by. Four years ago, in the year 2016, Gouri Satya had released his first book about the history and heritage of our city about which I had written in this column. That was the day the memorial to **Maharaja Jayachamaraja Wadiyar** was inaugurated at the place where the **Hardinge Circle Fountain** once stood. This second book takes off from where the first one ended which almost makes it a sequel to it.

The book throws light not only on the landmarks it deals with but also on the personalities who built them or lent their names to them. It also turns its spotlight on the changes that were made to these edifices as the years rolled by and the subsequent name changing that was done to many of them.

For instance, not many of us know that the sprawling **Bannimantap Grounds,** which needs no introduction to us, as it is the venue of the annual Dasara Torch Light Parade, was once called the **Cole's Garden**. This was in memory of **Arthur Henry Cole** (1780-1844) who was the resident of Mysore during the reign of **Maharaja Krishnaraja Wadiyar III.**



Not many us know that this British officer along with **Lt. Col. Gibbs** was responsible for suppressing a raging rebellion by British troops against their own authorities. This rebellion had all the signs of spreading across the country and for some time it threatened the very existence of the British rule in India till it was successfully quelled. It had many epicentres, notably in, Masulipatnam, Hyderabad, Chitradurga and Srirangapatna and locally it was perceived as a war that had been declared against the British empire by Maharaja Krishnaraja Wadiyar himself! That was when **Dewan Poornaiah,** the ubiquitous trouble-shooter of the times, stepped in and clarified that it was not so, by writing a detailed letter to **Josiah Webbe,** a very powerful member of the Madras Council, clarifying the continuing allegiance of the Maharaja of Mysore and his subjects to the Crown.

To further placate a perhaps still doubting Webb, and also to express his personal gratitude to him for granting him the rights to a part of the revenues of the State, Poornaiah at his own cost of about rupees one and a half lakhs, got a massive granite monument seventy feet high, erected to commemorate Webbe's greatness at the site of the final battle in which the rebels were defeated. This imposing monument, known a **Rana Khamba** to the local villagers but almost unknown to most other people, stands a stone's throw away from the very well-known **Ahalya Devi Maramma Temple at Arathi Ukkada,** off the Pandavapura-Chinkurali Highway. **Incidentally, I visited the place early this morning with a group of my friends and fellow members of the Anjuman-E-Hadiqatul Adab, just to show them something interesting which they had never seen in their lives, being so close to it!**

The columnist at the Webbe's Monument

Arthur Cole was also the man who first built the mansion atop our Chamundi Hill which served as his private summer residence till it was much enlarged in the year 1920 by the Maharaja. Then after a third expansion in the year 1938, it was christened as the **Rajendra Vilas Palace** and became what it now is. Gouri Satya's book makes very interesting reading because it not only tells us about the colonial landmarks in our city but also because it traces the connections of their builders with many other similar edifices across the country.

In retrospective references it also tells us about the original buildings elsewhere in the British empire, upon the design of which our own heritage structures were modelled. For example, the design of the **Aloka Palace or Writers' Home** located in Yelwal was derived from the **'Kutra House'** in Ireland. Cole's successor **Casa Major** occupied it up to 1840 after which it became one of the many hunting lodges of our Maharajas.

Another colonial landmark we all see every day in the heart of our city and yet know nothing about is the imposing bronze statue of **James Gordon** that stands in the lawns of our **Attara Kacheri** or old Deputy Commissioner's Office. **I call it the 'old' DC's Office though our DC still presides over the post from there because a brand new one stands on the T. Narasipur Road waiting for the Deputy Commissioner to step in!**

James Gordon was once the Commissioner of Mysore whose office functioned from this very imposing building and the lawns around it are therefore still called the **Gordon Park**. Gordon, before becoming the Commissioner was the guardian to the young **Maharaja Chamarajendra Wadiyar** and he took care of his education and guided him in administration. He was also present at the marriage of the Maharaja with **Vanivilasa Sannidhana Kempananjammani** on 26th, May, 1878 at the **Jagan Mohan Palace** and he on behalf of the Viceroy, **Lord Lytton** presented a diamond necklace for the bridegroom and a pearl necklace and a gold waist belt, studded with precious stones for the bride. Gordon was also responsible for laying the Railway line between Mysore and Bangalore while he was the Commissioner. The 88-mile-long Railway line which had been shelved for want of funds in the year 1871 was taken up as a part of the famine relief work to provide sustenance to poor workers during the crushing famine the State saw between the years 1876-78.

The history of our **Dufferin Clock Tower,** more popularly known by most Mysureans simply as the **'Chikka Gadiyara'** is no less interesting and it has been recorded in good detail in the book. It also narrates the history of the 'migrating' **Elgin Fountain and the Lansdowne Building. This most notable landmark in the centre of our city, now sadly stands as its most shameful eyesore — a once graceful lady, now ashamed of her nakedness! A mute testimony to our insensitivity to the need for preserving the dignity of our heritage.**

But mind you, Gouri Satya's very informative book work is not a coffee table book full of pictures which you can glance through in a few minutes. **It is a very rich source of information for serious history buffs who like to turn the pages of history with some seriousness but the way it has been compiled certainly ensures that it makes the exercise most interesting!**

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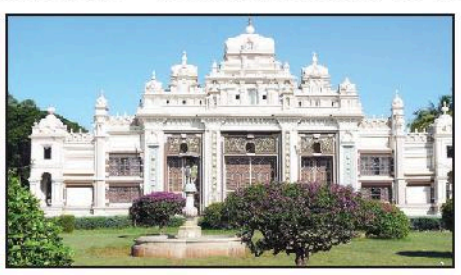
Dufferin Clock Tower

Old Deputy Commissioner's Office



Jagan Mohan Palace

Aloka Palace

Parking lobby eyes Chamundi Hill

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Open to public on Nov. 26

Over Rs.79.9 crore was spent from the Temple funds to construct the multi-level parking and 116 shops. The works were allotted to Public Works Department and it began in November 2016 but completed a few months back as against the March 2017 deadline. The system was thrown open to the public on Nov. 26.

On an average, the daily collection from parking is over Rs. 50,000 to Rs. 60,000. The parking fee had been fixed after the Temple authorities studied the fee pattern followed in temples of Nanjangud, Kollur Mookambika, Male Mahadeshwara Hills and Yediyur Siddalingeshwara.

Keeping an eye on profits

The daily handsome income has grabbed the attention of parking lobbies. They know very well that if the daily collection stands at Rs.50,000 to Rs.60,000 now amidst COVID-19 pandemic, the daily collection will cross lakhs of rupees during weekends, festivals, Dasara and *Ashada Shukravara* when the number of daily visitors cross the 25,000 mark.

This is precisely why anonymous letters are being written to the Temple Management in order to form a public opinion so that the parking system is handed over to private contractors. The Temple Management usually forwards genuine complaints about the facilities, pricing and other aspects of the Hill Temple to the Deputy Commissioner who has the final say in the matter. If the complaints or letters are genuine, the DC is likely to consider the demand.

Way to multi-level parking lot atop Chamundi Hill.

Two-wheeler parking lot atop the Hill.

Hen that lays golden eggs

By writing anonymous letters, the lobby wants to grab the parking contract by hook or crook. Temple sources told *Star of Mysore* that the lobbies are from Mysuru and Bengaluru. "It is a hen that lays golden eggs. So the lobbies want to rake in income that is regular and amass huge profits," sources added.

Some of the lobbyists are also trying to bring pressure from politicians and Ministers asking the Temple Management to hand over the parking lot to private contractors and call for a tender. Tender enables bidding so that one of the lobbyists can bag the contract. For this, they are either alleging that the present parking rates are exorbitant or there is mismanagement by the Temple authorities.

Transparency in ticket

At present, the parking lot is open from 6.30 am till 9.30 pm. Six parking staff and security personnel in each shift manage the parking lot in two shifts. Parking tickets are issued in electronic slips with date, time and vehicle number. As such, there is transparency and no chance of misappropriation. The ticket counter, entry and exit of the parking lot have CCTV cameras.

'Revise parking fee'

Meanwhile, M.S. Gururaja Shetty, a resident of Devaraja Mohalla, told *SOM* that the District Administration has to revisit parking fee structure as it was expensive. Most of the Mysureans visit the Hill every Tuesday and Friday to pay obeisance to Goddess Chamundeshwari.

For them, the parking fee of Rs. 40 for a car is exorbitant. Besides, thousands of people flock tourist places in different types of vehicles and they need to shell out a lot of money on parking at Palace, Zoo, KRS and other places. In the interest of everyone, it is advisable for the authorities to reconsider it, he added.

Fake complaint

One of the complainants mentioned in the letter that he was charged Rs. 40 for his car and the parking attendants gave him a parking ticket for Rs. 10, thereby pocketing Rs. 30. As he had mentioned his vehicle number, the Temple authorities checked CCTV cameras where it was found that the complainant had actually come to the Temple in a two-wheeler.

Features of multi-level parking

- It can accommodate 1,200 cars
- Total area is 8 km
- Total built-up area is 31,000 sq. meters
- Construction Agency - PWD
- Total cost Rs.79.9 crore

Simple 'Mastakabhisheka' performed to Nandi

Mysuru, Dec. 6 (MTY&KS)- A simple 'Mastakabhisheka' was performed to the Nandi statue under the aegis of Bettada Balaga Charitable Trust atop Chamundi Hill this morning owing to COVID-19 pandemic. The Balaga has been organising the ritual on the third Sunday of Karthika Month every year since 15 years and the rituals were held in a simple manner to avoid gathering of large crowd.

Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji and Hosmutt Seer Sri Chidananda Swamiji graced the occasion. The rituals were launched by Suttur Seer.

Unlike previous years where about 35 items were used to perform the Abhisheka, only 13 items including milk, curds, honey, ghee, sugarcane juice, dates, dry grapes, cashew nuts, fruits, turmeric, kum kum, sandal paste and other items were used perform the Abhisheka. Even the wooden platform was not erected this year but a ladder was used to pour the items on Nandi statue.

Trust Secretary N. Govind, speaking to *Star of Mysore*, said that the 'Mastakabhisheka' was scaled down from grand to simple due to COVID-19 pandemic this year by following COVID-19 guidelines and added that only about 150 people had gathered near Nandi statue by maintaining social distance and wearing face masks while tourists and others watched the rituals from a distance.

Trust President Prakashan, Treasurer Suresh, Trustees Shankar, Sundar, Shivakumar and others were present.

Traffic Police intensify checks;
collect Rs. 1.36 crore in one month

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In all, 84,633 cases have been booked in one month and Rs. 1,36,02,300 has been collected on the spot. In addition, Rs. 49,200 has been collected from the fines imposed after checking violations in CCTV cameras at traffic automation command centre taking the total fine collected to Rs. 1,36,61,500.

"Due to the virus scare, we were not enforcing the rules in a stringent manner. We have started the enforcement again and is in full swing over the past month. Discipline is back among commuters. We are taking all precautionary measures to ensure the safety of our staff. It is the duty of all commuters to follow traffic rules and henceforth, there will be no relaxation of any rules," Traffic ACP S.N. Sandesh Kumar said.

The traffic violation checking operation was launched under the leadership of Devaraja Traffic Inspector Muniyappa, Krishnaraja Traffic Inspector H.M. Vinay, V.V. Puram Traffic Inspector Aruna Kumari, Narasimharaja Traffic Inspector Prasanna Kumar and Siddharthanagar Traffic Inspector Basavaraju.

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Musings on Raja Ravi Varma

A Great Painter

India has the good fortune of having multi-coloured paintings of known as well as unknown painters. Actually painting started during the pre-historic period as evidenced at Chitradurga, Hirebenakur, Mirzapur and other places. Later Ajanta and Ellora paintings were discovered. In Simhala, Sigiriya became famous for multi-coloured paintings. In fact in many places, later, paintings have been done over the faded surfaces of the earlier paintings. In medieval period, *Rajasthani* and *Mughal* paintings became important. *Kangra* paintings showing Lord Sri Krishna in various attractive poses have become important. All these show that there was a tradition of painting in different parts of our country.

Raja Ravi Varma (1848 - 1906)

Under this background, the contributions of Raja Ravi Varma in painting may be considered. Raja Ravi Varma belonged to the royal family which ruled over Thilimanoor. This place is twenty five miles from Thiruvananthapuram (Trivandrum).

Ravi Varma was born on 29.4.1848. His father was Kandaru Desath and mother was Uma Ambabai. Ambabai was a great poetess while his father was a great Sanskrit scholar. Ravi Varma imbibed the good qualities as well as culture of his parents. From childhood itself, Ravi Varma was a great devotee besides cultivating self-dependence and compassion towards others. After finishing the morning duties including bath, he used to recite *Saundarya Lahari*, written by Adi Shankaracharya, the first propagator of the path of knowledge *(jnana)*. In addition, he was also reciting the songs of motherland.

Ravi Varma also studied Sanskrit and Malayalam literature, grammar, Vedas, Puranas, Ramayana and Mahabharata. He was reciting the famous *Amarakosha*. When he was five years old, a turning point in the life of Ravi Varma took place. And his father-in-law introduced Ravi Varma to king of Thiruvananthapuram, Ayilyam Thirunal. At that time, Ravi Varma was just fourteen years old. He was given a book of painting done by the famous painters of that time, and Ravi Varma was asked to study them. Then he was asked to continue the painting classes under the famous teacher Alagiri Naidu.

In 1896, Ravi Varma was honoured with the title *Veerashrinkhale*. Ravi Varma was appointed as the Palace artist. In those days, he was paid Rs. 50 as his monthly salary.

In 1868, a European painter, by name Theodre Jenson had come to Kerala. He showed his European paintings and explained the abstract ideas behind them to Ravi Varma. He further explained that any painter should be careful in painting women because of their dignified attitude, modesty, a mild smile, walking with dignity and courage. Ravi Varma learnt all these good qualities by looking into the European paintings. A large room with all facilities was provided in the Palace itself so that they would not go outside for seeing the paintings.

Ravi Varma was greatly influenced by paintings of the great senior artists like Ramaswamy Naicker and Armugam Pillai.

The influence of these great painters on Ravi Varma can easily be seen in his works. He was a self-made painter though influence can be noticed in his own paintings. He increased his knowledge by repeatedly reading the various *Puranas.*

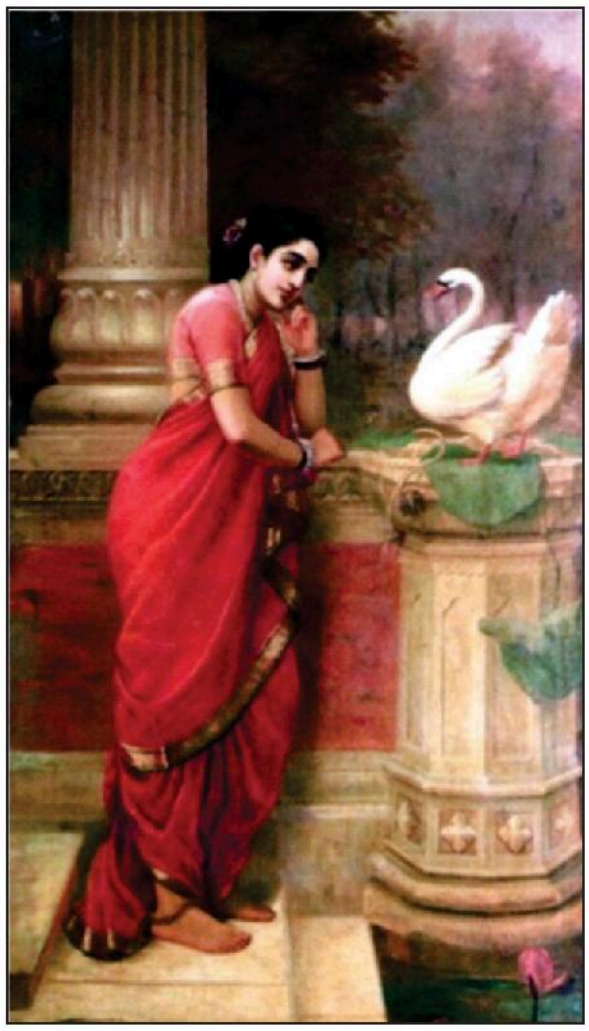
In the meantime, Ravi Varma's marriage took place. His wife belonged to the royal family of Purur. Her name was queen Bhagirathibayi. She belonged to the royal family of Maverikkara. This couple had two sons and nine daughters. In 1886 was born the first son Kerala Varma. The second son Rama Varma was born in 1879. Umabayi became a model for Ravi Varma's paintings. Rama Varma studied painting in JJ School of Arts at Mumbai.

In 1870, Ravi Varma went to Kelluru and under the Goddess *Mookambika* performed various rituals. He was always thinking of this Goddess and hence, in his dream, *Mookambikadevi* touched his head with benediction (ashirvada). From that day onwards *Mookambikadevi* became the model for all his paintings.

He visited many temples in North India and observed the ornaments and other details. In addition, Ravi Varma studied the chapter called *Chitrakala* which is a part of the famous *Vishnudharmottara Purana.* Though the details were good and accurate, they did not appeal to the common people. Hence, he painted Indian deities in the common persons' attire and ornaments. At last, common people began to like the paintings of Ravi Varma in which various persons who looked like themselves and felt happy and hailed Ravi Varma as a comman man's painter. And hence, he became popular.

He began painting great beauties like *Urvashi, Rambha, Menake, Tilottame* and others. Though they were heavenly beauties Ravi Varma gave more importance to their charm and beauty. In addition, he painted beauties of women in *Marathi, Gujarathi, Malabar* and *Rajasthan.* In addition, he painted great persons such as Tilak, Ranade and others.

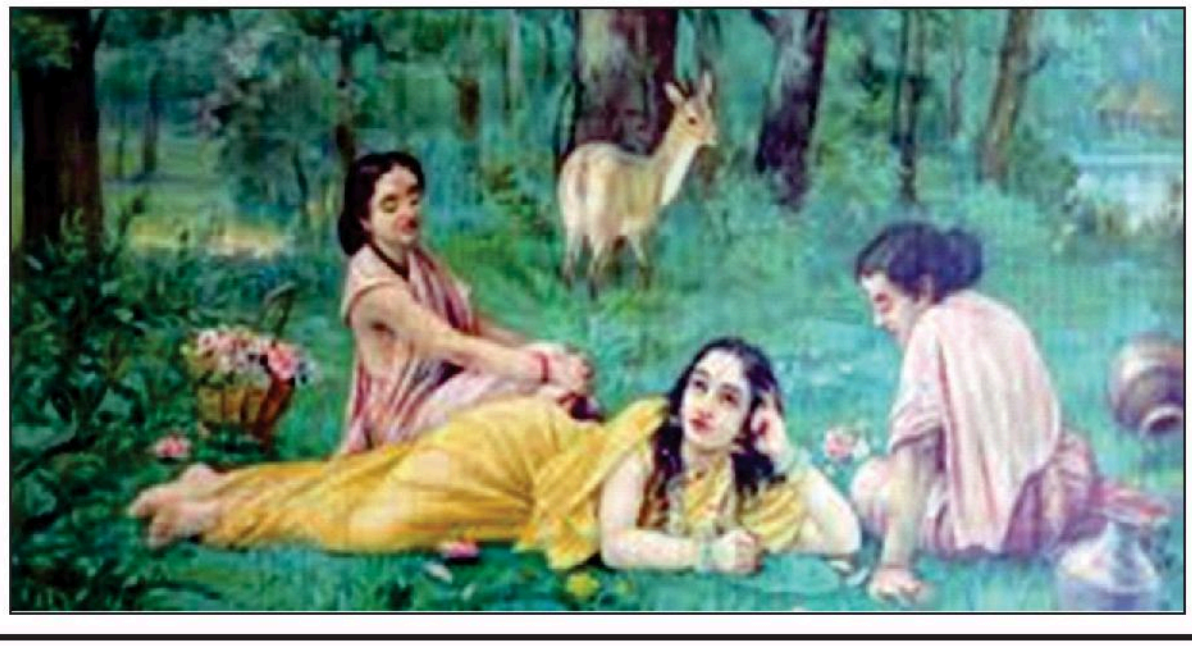
He painted the beauty of Himalayan mountains and also the beauty of important hill stations, along with their natural beauty. Taking all these contributions, the British Government gave him the title *Kaiser-e-Hind* in 1904. Invitations came to Ravi Varma from Mysore, Baroda, Indore, Gwalior, Pudukkottai, Jaipur and Udayapura to prepare paintings of the scenery and natural beauty of these places.



In the meantime, an Englishman had prepared the English translation of the drama *'Shakuntalam'* and he requested Ravi Varma to give a painting to suit the context. Ravi Varma did this and the book *'Shakuntala'* and Ravi Varma both became famous all over the world.

In 1876 exhibition in Paris, his painting, a Malayali beauty, received a gold medal. In the same year in the exhibition arranged at Vienna, he got a gold medal. Ravi Varma had used *seere* as suitable dress for beautiful women. Thus, *seere* also became popular.

But due to the stress of painting and travelling, he died when he was just 58 years on 2.10.1906. Many condolence messages came from within India and abroad where his paintings were known. Many people considered Ravi Varma's as the golden era of painting. How true !



SWR Mysuru to run reserved, unreserved special trains

Mysuru, Dec. 6- Responding to the growing demand from public and travelling passengers, South Western Railway (SWR) has decided to run the following unreserved/ fully reserved express trains with normal fare originating and running in Mysuru Division including short distance express trains. These trains will be immensely helpful to commuters over Mysuru Division and will be connecting various districts of the Karnataka and neighbouring States.

These are first such unreserved/ fully reserved train to run in Mysuru Division after cancellation of train services in the wake of COVID-19 pandemic ever since Mar. 25, 2020. Depending upon the occupancy of these trains, further extension will be considered. Passengers are appealed to strictly follow all COVID-19 guidelines including wearing of mask, sanitisation etc., in the trains and at Railway Stations. Other precautions associated with COVID-19 should also be ensured. The special trains will run as per the details mentioned below:

Sl. No	Train No	From Station	To Station	Frequency & day of service	Journey Commencing From - To	Stoppages, Timing & composition will remain same as per Pre-COVID running of trains	Stoppages excluded
01	06227 Fully Reserved	Mysuru	Talguppa	Daily	09.12.2020 to 18.12.2020	Same as pre COVID running of 16227	Srirangapatna, Hanakere, Settihalli, Hejjala & Byadrahalli
02	06228 Fully Reserved	Talguppa	Mysuru	Daily	10.12.2020 to 19.12.2020	Same as pre COVID running of 16228	Hanakere, Byadrahalli, Malleswaram and Srirangapatna
03	07307 Fully Reserved	Mysuru	Bagalkot	Daily	07.12.2020 to 16.12.2020	Same as pre COVID running of 17307 Basava Express	—
04	07308 Fully Reserved	Bagalkot	Mysuru	Daily	08.12.2020 to 17.12.2020	Same as pre COVID running of 17308 Basava Express	—
05	06201	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	Daily	07.12.2020 to 16.12.2020	Same as pre COVID running of 12613 Tippu Express	—
06	06202	KSR B'luru	Mysuru	Daily	08.12.2020 to 17.12.2020	Same as pre COVID running of 12614 Tippu Express	—
07	06223	Mysuru	Chamarajanagar	Daily	07.12.2020 to 16.12.2020	Same as pre COVID running of 56210	—
08	06234	Chamarajanagar	Mysuru	Daily	07.12.2020 to 16.12.2020	Same as pre COVID running of 56209	—
09	06203	Yasvantpur	Hassan	Daily	07.12.2020 to 16.12.2020	Same as pre COVID running of 22679	—
10	06204	Hassan	Yasvantpur	Daily	08.12.2020 to 17.12.2020	Same as pre COVID running of 22680	—
11	06207	Yasvantpur	Hospete	Daily	07.12.2020 to 16.12.2020	Same as pre COVID running of 56909	Malleswaram, Dodbele, Ammasandra, Ramgiri, Amritapura and Talaku
12	06208	Hospete	Yasvantpur	Daily	08.12.2020 to 17.12.2020	Same as pre COVID running of 56910	Talaku, Ramgiri, Ammasandra, Dodbele and Malleswaram
13	02725 Fully Reserved	KSR B'luru	Dharwad	Daily	07.12.2020 to 16.12.2020	Same as pre COVID running of 12725 Inter City	—
14	02726 Fully Reserved	Dharwad	KSR Bengaluru	Daily	08.12.2020 to 17.12.2020	Same as pre COVID running of 12726 Inter City	—
15	06589 Fully Reserved	KSR B'luru	Miraj	Daily	07.12.2020 to 16.12.2020	Same as pre COVID running of 16589 Rani Chennama Express	Ammasandra
16	06590 Fully Reserved	Miraj	KSR Bengaluru	Daily	08.12.2020 to 17.12.2020	Same as pre COVID running of 16590	Ammasandra
17	06557 (MEMU)	Bangarpet	Mysuru	6 days a week except Sunday	07.12.2020 to 17.12.2020	Departure Bangarpet at 17.40 hrs and arrival Mysuru at 22.25 hrs	—
18	06558 (MEMU)	Mysuru	Bangarpet	6 days a week except Sunday	07.12.2020 to 17.12.2020	Departure Mysuru at 05.50 hrs & arrival Bangarpet at 10.40 hrs	—
19	06529 Fully Reserved	KSR B'luru	Talguppa	Daily	07.12.2020 to 16.12.2020	Same as pre-COVID running of 20651	—
20	06530 Fully Reserved	Talguppa	KSR Bengaluru	Daily	08.12.2020 to 17.12.2020	Same as pre-COVID running of 20652	—

Apart from the additional special trains, a festival special train will be running between Chamarajanagara and Tirupati connecting the pilgrimage city with Mysuru.

• **Train No.06219 Chamarajanagara to Tirupati express** will run from 07.12.2020 to 31.12.2020. Timing and stoppages will be as same as per the pre COVID running of Train No.16219.

• **Train No. 06220 Tirupati to Chamarajanagara express** will run from 08.12.2020 to 01.01.2021. Timing and stoppages will be as same as per the pre COVID running of train No.16220

The festival special trains are fully reserved trains and festival special service fares are applicable, according to a press release from Priya Shetty, Divisional Commercial Manager & Senior PRO.

Annual Pooja rituals

at Sree Ayyappa Swamy Temple in city from Dec. 19 to Dec.21

Mysuru, Dec. 6- Sabarimala Sree Ayyappa Puja Samithi, Sree Ayyappa Swamy and Sree Guruvayurappan Temple, foot of Chamundi Hill, will be holding the Annual Special Puja rituals from Dec. 19 to Dec. 21 in the presence of Thanthri Dr. Chennas Dineshan Namboodiripad of Guruvayur. The events are as follows:

Dec.19 (Saturday) - 5 pm to 8.30 pm: Welcoming the Thanthri, Utsava Dhwajarohana and Special Pujas.

Dec. 20 (Sunday) - 5 am to 12 noon: Special Pujas and Udayasthamana Puja to Shri Ayyappaswamy; **5 pm to 8.30 pm:** Special Pujas, Gramabali, Palliveta, Bhagavathi Seva and special pujas to Shri Guruvayurappan.

Dec. 21 (Monday) - 5 am to 12 noon: Special Pujas and Udayasthamana Puja to Shri Guruvayurappan and Navkaabhishekam to Shri Ayyappaswamy; **5pm to 8.30 pm:** Yathrabali, Sarpabali, Special Pujas and Dwajavarohana.

For details, contact Ph: 0821-2484688 or Mob: 93428-20188, according to press release from the Samithi Secretary.

Services pertaining to GPs are covered under Sakala: CEO

Mysuru, Dec. 6- Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Zilla Panchayat (ZP) has urged the public to submit their applications through Sakala Services and receive acknowledgement at Gram Panchayats (GPs).

The ZP CEO, in a press release issued on Nov. 12, has reiterated that eleven services pertaining to GPs are covered under Sakala.

The certificates received through Sakala services would be considered legally not valid unless it carries Sakala application number and digital signature of the Panchayat Development Officer (PDO).

The Government has enacted the Karnataka Sakala Services Act 2011, which guarantees delivery of essential civic services to the citizens of Karnataka.

Eleven Services pertaining to GPs and related to Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department (RDPRD) are covered under Sakala, which includes form 9/11A, form 11B, commercial and construction permits, permit for digging road, issuance of no objection certificate from ESComs (Electricity Supply Companies), issuance of records (population, crop, livestock, census, Below Poverty Line list) and property tax.

WORD OF THE DAY

Victual

Pronunciation: VIT-ul.
Meaning: Food usable by people; victuals plural : supplies of food : provisions.
Origin: If you're hungry for the story behind victual, get ready to dig into a rich and fulfilling history. The word derives via the Middle English and Anglo-French vitaille from the Late Latin plural noun victualia ("provisions"), and ultimately (by way of victus, meaning "nourishment" or "way of living") the Latin verb vivere, meaning "to live." Vivere is the source of a whole smorgasbord of other English words, such as vital, vivid, and survive. It's also the root of viand, another English word referring to food. There's also vittles, a word that sounds like it might be an alteration of the plural victuals (both are pronounced /VIT-ulz/) but which is actually just an earlier development of the Middle English vitaille that was served before victual.
Example: "One day, I will have a large and well-organized fruit and vegetable garden that will furnish far more of my victuals." — Adrian Higgins, The Washington Post, 12 Aug. 2020.

THE ODD WORD

Vacuity

Emptiness.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

When the rubber hits the road

Meaning: When a theory or idea is put to the test to see if it actually works.
Origin: What drives on the road? Cars, of course! And yes, there are trucks, motorcycles, and bikes driving out there as well. Do you know the one thing all of these vehicles have in common? They have wheels, wheels made out of rubber. Thus, it seems highly likely that this phrase is referencing a car's rubber wheels making contact with the road. So... John Boyd Dunlop is considered to be the first one to invent the rubber wheel in 1888. Which means this phrase must have originated sometime after that year, right?
The earliest one could find this phrase (with its figurative meaning) is in the mid-20th century. For example, it makes an appearance in a 1956 newspaper called the Mt. Vernon Register News. To give some context for the following quote, the writer of the article explains that in order to be successful in advertising for radio and TV, one has to speak their language. He then he goes on to list a "collection of stylized phrases" that advertising men might use:
"How much is it going to cost?:
'Let's get down to where the rubber meets the road."

QUOTE BOX

Some beautiful paths can't be discovered without getting lost. — **Erol Ozan**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

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Answer: Forgive and forget.

SUDOKU

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			4	2				
						9		7
3				6			4	
2		9	3		4	1		6
	4			5				9
7		5						
				7	8			
	2		9					1

Answer to previous puzzle

5	1	9	6	8	3	4	7	2
4	3	8	9	2	7	5	1	6
7	6	2	1	5	4	9	8	3
2	8	4	3	6	9	1	5	7
3	9	6	5	7	1	8	2	4
1	5	7	2	4	8	3	6	9
9	7	3	8	1	2	6	4	5
8	4	5	7	3	6	2	9	1
6	2	1	4	9	5	7	3	8

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

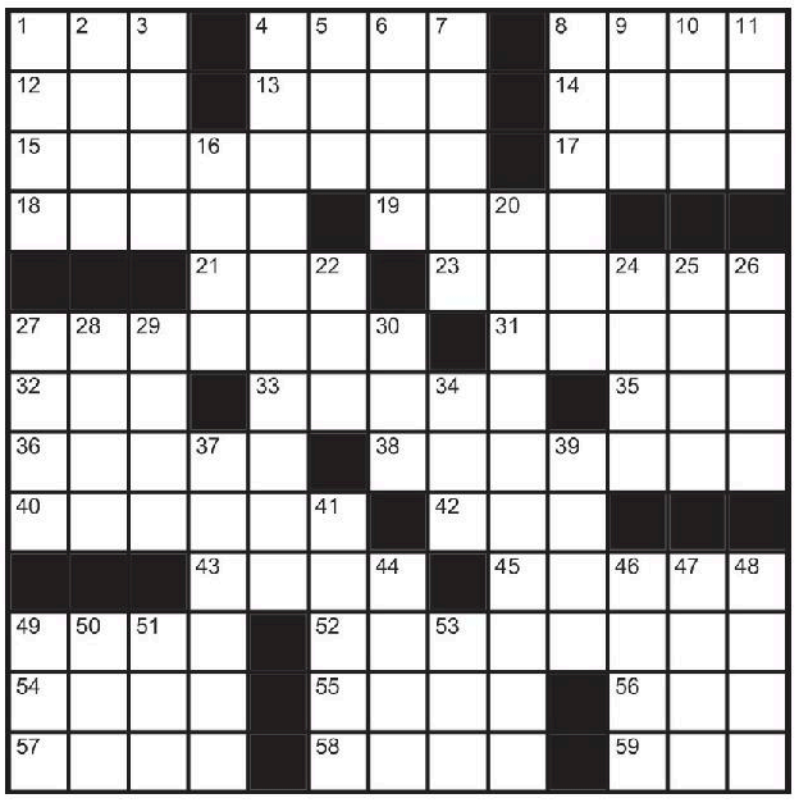
1 London, Midland and Scottish
4 ___ fide : real and genuine?
8 Difficult
12 Arvind Kejriwal's party
13 Out of the storm
14 Frightful to look at
15 Facile quality in talk
17 Show violent anger
18 Tennis star ___ Mirza
19 Unit of pressure
21 Early Jackson 5 hit
23 Don't cast them before swine
27 High-ranking officer
31 Effrontery
32 A single item
33 Ill-treatment
35 Five hundred and six in Roman numerals
36 Take ___ __ : shoot? (3,2)
38 Part of the sternum
40 Swells or inflates
42 Quantity of heat in FPS unit
43 Cambodia's neighbour
45 Water plants
49 Indian language of yore
52 Investigating or verifying
54 Hindu ascetic
55 Ship's base
56 Road Transport Office, in short
57 Copies the monkeys ?
58 For ___ : offered for purchase?
59 Lightning Sensor Sys.

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

M	A	S	T	■	D	E	A	L	■	B	O	G
E	T	T	U	■	A	G	I	O	■	I	M	P
S	T	U	M	B	L	E	A	C	R	O	S	S
A	N	N	U	L	■	R	A	H	U	■	■	■
■	■	■	L	O	O	■	■	S	C	O	O	P
■	O	N	T	O	P	O	F	■	K	M	P	H
I	A	C	■	D	E	V	I	L	■	A	I	D
C	H	O	R	■	C	A	L	I	B	R	E	■
Y	U	S	U	F	■	■	M	M	R	■	■	■
■	■	■	H	U	S	H	■	B	A	D	G	E
A	P	P	R	E	H	E	N	S	I	O	N	S
T	U	E	■	L	O	R	D	■	S	L	A	P
E	G	G	■	S	W	A	B	■	E	T	T	Y

DOWN

1 Falls behind
2 Ms Sinha of days gone by
3 Tell a yarn
4 Indian Sanskrit scholar and poet of Kadambari and Harsh Charit fame
5 Spanish cry of encouragement or cheer
6 Bird's home
7 Author of fables
8 Exclamation of joy
9 Turk VIP
10 Ring Laser Gyro
11 Change the colour of
16 Partiality
20 Container
22 Taxi
24 Perform or accomplish again
25 Jewish family name
26 Slip sideways
27 Biblical land - "a mob" dispersed?
28 Mr. Kapoor of "Beta" fame
29 Pop singer ___ Fernandes
30 Unit of illumination
34 Sibling in old English?
37 Tropical trees - ""I alias" " anagram?"
39 Unwieldy ship
41 Footwear
44 Butter-like extract from African tree's seeds
46 Not a boy
47 Colony insects
48 Selves - "goes" anagram?
49 Monetary unit of Burma - "pay" anagram?
50 Association of Optical Practitioners
51 Large, abbr.
53 Snake-like fish



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

RZYYQ OIISLQV LQ HBI TYQV XWQ HICEBIR WR

QYHBLQV MWH HBI RBCZI YO HBI RZYYQ.

TODAY'S CLUE: V EQUALS G

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: I do not like to repeat successes, I like to go on to other things.

Elected office-bearers

Mysuru, Dec. 6- The following persons have been elected as the office-bearers of the Garden Tennis Club, Mysuru, during the recently held elections for the Administrative Board for the year 2020-2022:

M. Puttaswamy (President), Venkatesha (Vice-President), B.R. Vasudevamurthy (Secretary), H. Bhavarlal (Joint Secretary) and C.S. Dharmendra Kumar (Treasurer).

Members of Managing Committee: K.V. Puttappa, D. Ramesha, L. Dinesh, L.P. Madhukar and S. Prashanth. Sports Secretaries: L.P. Adishesha, D.L. Dasappa and S. Gopalakrishna, according to a press release.

EVENTS TODAY (DEC. 6)

- **Office of the Development Commissioner (Handlooms), Government of India (GoI), Ministry of Textiles, GoI, the Cauvery Handlooms, Bengaluru and the Department of Handloom & Textile & Commerce, Government of Karnataka (GoK) and JSS Mahavidyapeetha:** 'Samskruti-2020,' a Special Handloom Expo, JSS Mysore Urban Haat premises, Hebbal, **up to 9 pm.** [City Bus No. 117 from KSRTC Bus Stand]
- **Namisu Charitable Trust and Namisu Student Needs:** 2nd anniversary celebrations, staging of social play 'Pancha Bhoota' by Rangaantaranga theatre troupe, inauguration by Mayor Tasneem, MP Pratap Simha, MLA L. Nagendra and DC Rohini Sindhuri, Adichunchanagiri University VC Prof. K. Byrappa special invitee, Corporator Dr. Ashvini Sharat, SCVT and BJP (NR constituency) President Dr. Bhanuprakash, Global Fortune Creators CEO Rtn. B. Chandra, Chandru Swamiji of Rajendranagar's Sri Shaneshwara Temple and Srirangapatna's Parivartana School Founder Chethan Ram chief guests, Kalamandira, **5 pm.**
- **Natana School of Theatre Arts:** Staging of Kannada play 'E Kelaginavaru,' written by B.T. Desai based on Maxim Gorky's 'Lower Depths,' directed by Mandya Ramesh, School premises, Ramakrishnanagar, **6.30 pm.**
- **Rangayana:** Staging of play 'Kasturba' (mono act) by Rangayana senior artiste B.N. Shashikala (Written by S. Ramanath, Directed by Shashidhar Bharighat), Bhoomigeeta, Rangayana premises, **6.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (DEC. 7)

- **K.K. Hebbar Art Foundation:** Airing of radio serial titled 'Kala Tapaswi K.K. Hebbar' produced by K.K. Hebbar Art Foundation on FM Rainbow 101.3Mhz and All India Radio (AIR), **2.02 pm to 2.07 pm.** [Mob: 98452-44756]
- **Maharaja's College, Mysuru:** Releasing of '2019-20 Anantayatri' annual edition, retd. Principal Prof. K. Sumutra Bai chief guest, Maharaja's College Principal Prof. Anita Vimla Braggs presides, Maharaja's College Administrative Officer Dr. G.H. Nagaraja and 'Anantayatri' annual edition Editor Dr. H.R. Chethana will be present, Junior BA Hall, Maharaja's College, **11 am.**

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	(S-4)	10.40 am, 4.15 pm 9.55 pm
Tenet (E)	(S-1)	4.00 pm, 9.55 pm
	(S-2)	10.50 am
	(S-4)	1.15 pm, 6.55 pm
Run 2 (K)	(S-2)	1.55 pm
Arishadvarga (K)	(S-2)	4.40 pm
Peninsula (E)	(S-2)	7.45 pm

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	(S-2)	10.55 am, 2.25 pm 6.10 pm, 9.55 pm
	(S-3)	8.45 pm
Act-1978 (K)	(S-3)	11.10 am, 5.15 pm
Peninsula (E)	(S-3)	2.10 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here. **The other multiplexes and single screen theatres are yet to open.**

Kick-boxing medal winners

A total of 22 kick-boxers, who are trained at Department of Physical Education (DPE), University of Mysore, took part in the Mysuru District Inter-Club Kick-boxing Competition and have bagged 19 gold medals, three silver medals and one team championship. The winning kick-boxers — K. Dinesh Kumar (Gold), Nuthan Raj (Gold), Chiranthan (Gold), N. Dhushal (Gold), B.S. Krishna (Gold), M.R. Prajwal (Gold), Kenith Jude (Gold), D.S. Thejas (Gold), N.C. Shubash (Gold), Jayshankar (Gold), Bhavani (Gold), Y.N. Shushurth (Silver), Girish, Thanushree (Gold), Harshith, S. Varun (Silver), H.R. Prajwal (Silver), M. Hemanth (Gold), Akash, Sanjeev Raj (Gold), Chandan (Gold), Sumanth (Gold) and Rahul — are seen with their trainer Jaswanth, DPE Director P. Krishnaiah, international tennis players and trainers Raghuveer and Dr. Rajendra Prasad and yoga trainer Kishore.

Hero Indian Super League 2020-21

NorthEast United secures hard-fought victory

Benjamin Lambot with a clearance for NorthEast United FC.

Hero Indian Super League

Today's Matches (Dec. 6)

MUMBAI CITY
Vs
ODISHA
GMC Stadium, Bambolim, Goa, **5 pm**

GOA
Vs
KERALA BLASTERS
Fatorda Stadium, Margao, Goa, **7.30 pm**

Tomorrow's Match (Dec. 7)

JAMSHEDPUR
Vs
ATK MOHUN BAGAN
Tilak Maidan Stadium, Vasco da Gama, Goa, **7.30 pm**

Yesterday's Result

NORTHEAST UNITED - 2
Beat
SC EAST BENGAL - 0

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Vasco, Dec. 6- NorthEast United FC secured a hard-fought victory against SC East Bengal in Hero Indian Super League (Hero ISL) 2020-21 at Tilak Maidan Stadium in Vasco yesterday.

The Highlanders remained unbeaten this season as they notched up a 2-0 win. The match saw one own goal and a first Hero ISL goal for Rochharzela as NorthEast registered their second win in four matches this season. NorthEast began strong but it was SC East Bengal who had the first clear opportunity in the 4th minute. Jacques Maghoma's curling free-kick was met by Scott Neville but the ball was diverted into the hands of goalkeeper Gurmeet.

The Highlanders opened the scoring three minutes after the drinks break courtesy of an own goal by SC East Bengal defender Surchandra Singh; it was also NorthEast United's 100th goal in the Hero ISL.

NorthEast's young winger Ninthoinganba Meetei's long ball picked out Idrissa Sylla, who headed it to his fellow striker Kwesi Appiah. The NorthEast striker passed it back to Sylla who was unable to sort his feet out, however, the ball ricocheted off Surchandra, beating two SC East Bengal defenders and the goalkeeper to trickle into the goal.

East Bengal almost equalised in injury time of first half but Highlanders were strong defensively. Highlanders substitute Rochharzela combined with another substitute V.P. Suhair to extend his side's lead over East Bengal and seal the game in injury time.

This victory means Gerard Nus' side moved up to second in the table behind ATK Mohun Bagan, while SC East Bengal are yet to score or win a match in their debut Hero ISL season. This was also NorthEast United's second clean sheet of the season.

Hero of the Match: Benjamin Lambot; **DHL Winning Pass of the Match:** V.P. Suhair (NorthEast United).

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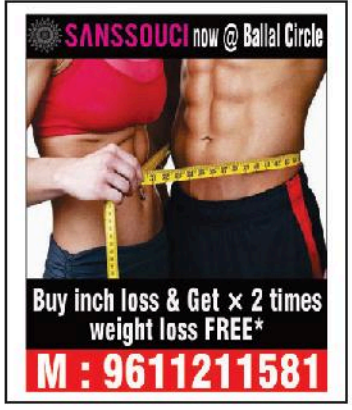

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